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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1620**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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NICOTINANILIDE-N-OXIDES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows. A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. For ease of identification, deletions are indicated either by boldfaced strikethroughs (e.g. deleted items) or by boldfaced brackets (e.g. [[deleted items]]), and additions are indicated by boldfaced underlining (e.g. new additions).

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